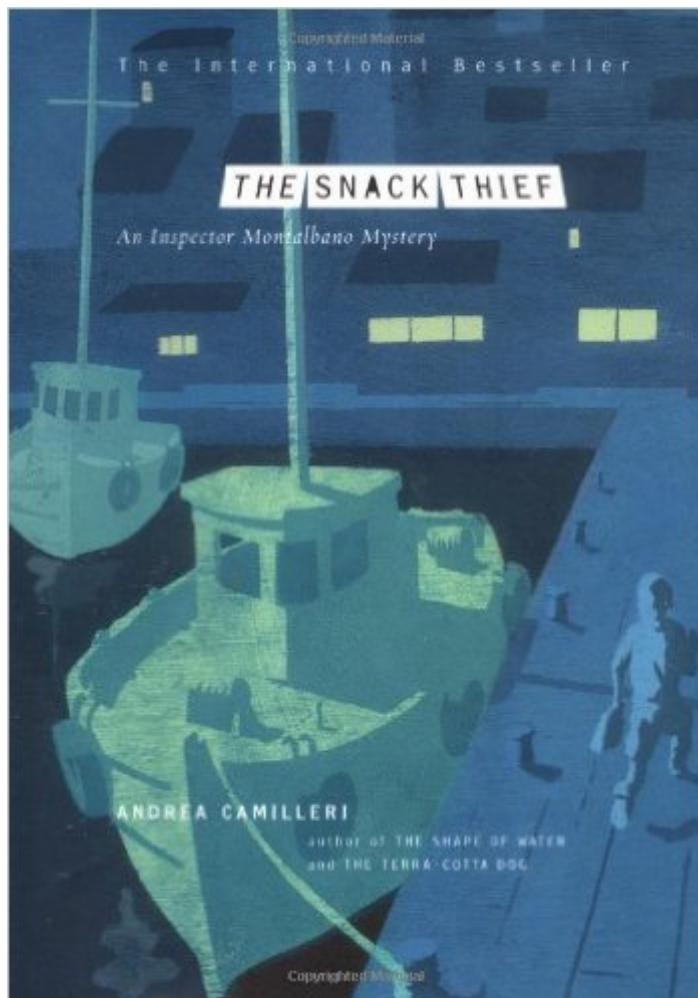


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her husband had a part time mistress. Montalbano now sets about looking for this beautiful Karima who has just simply disappeared instead his stumbles across Karima's very young son Francois who is now alone, afraid and to survive had been stealing snacks from other children to stop his hunger. Montalbano for the first time and to his dismay has just become a stand in father, a child without a mother is a desperate situation the hunt is now really on. Montalbano is determined to find Francois mother but new leads are about to break will they take him in the wrong direction or will two cases begin to entwine, government corruption is lurking in International Waters.

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